

## **KNIGHTDALE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**September, 2015**

### **Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call To Order....Chairman Roberson**
- II. Approval of June 2015 and August 2015 Meeting Minutes**
- III. Police Department Report....Chief Capps**

- A. Announcement of Accreditation Onsite**

The self-assessment phase of the police department's accreditation project is winding down. Assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) will be conducting their inspection of the police department's files and processes on November 8-11, 2015.

Announcements related to the mandatory public hearing, phone-in session, and community member interviews will be forthcoming. Council Members and Department Directors will likely be asked to participate in interviews with the assessors.

- B. Proposal for Speed Limit Adjustment on N. First Avenue**

Chief Capps has requested that the Public Safety Committee introduce a proposal to adjust the speed limit along the northern-most portion of N. First Avenue. There are currently a several hundred yards of roadway posted at 35mph. Given the growth in the area, the anticipated increase of activity and traffic, and the existence of new crosswalks in the area, it would be prudent to reduce the speed limit to 25mph. Doing so will also create a consistent speed limit of 25mph along the entire stretch of First Avenue. This request also has the support of area residents and the OTAC Committee.

- IV. Fire Department Report....Chief Guffey**

- A. Receipt of Firefighter Assistant from FEMA**

**The Fire Department has officially been awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The funds will be used to replace 21 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus packs, air bottles, and 55 air masks. These packs will replace older equipment that no longer comply with current standards. The grant is a 95%- 5% share, with a total value of \$148,900. FEMA's share of the grant will be \$141,810 and the Town of Knightdale's will be required to match \$7,090.**

**B. Lieutenant Assessment**

**The Fire Department is currently working to build and schedule a promotional process for the lieutenant's position recently vacated by Chris Miller's promotion to Captain. An announcement regarding the promotion will be made in the coming weeks.**

**C. Fire Prevention Month – October 2015**

**October is National Fire Prevention Month. The Fire Department plans to conduct several public safety education efforts throughout the community.**

**V. Other Business**

**VI. Adjournment**

  
Councilman James Roberson